



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 29, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Supervisor Molina's recommendation to support S. 789 (Boxer-Nelson), legislation which would expedite the naturalization services for the legal immigrants serving in the U.S. military; and send a five-signature letter requesting President Bush to expedite the naturalization services for permanent U.S. residents serving in the military who will be honorably discharged.

Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

"Today more than 37,000 legal permanent residents serve in the United States military comprising nearly five percent of all enlisted personnel on active duty. Over 8,000 of these immigrant service members come from California.

"Legal immigrants now serving in our Armed Forces display tremendous bravery and patriotism for this country. With the United States at war and engaged in a long-term commitment in the reconstruction efforts in Iraq, the need to recognize the sacrifice of these men and women is necessary and those who wish to become United States citizens deserve to be naturalized without any delay.

"Recently, the cities of Los Angeles and Chicago, including the State of California have passed resolutions to support efforts to expedite the citizenship process for men and women serving in the military."

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Therefore, Supervisor Molina made a motion that the Board take the following actions:

1. Go on record in support of S. 789 (Boxer-Nelson), legislation which would expedite the naturalization services for the legal immigrants serving in the United States military;
2. Instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to send a five-signature letter to President Bush requesting him to expedite the naturalization services for permanent United States residents serving in the military who will be honorably discharged; and
3. Instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation in support of H. R. 1814, the Naturalization and Family Protection for Military Members Act of 2003.

Supervisor Knabe made a suggestion that Supervisor Molina's motion be amended to send the five-signature letter to the Secretary of Homeland Security. Supervisor Molina accepted Supervisor Knabe's amendment.

Supervisor Antonovich made a suggestion that Recommendation Number 2 in Supervisor Molina's motion be amended to change the wording "who will be honorably discharged" to "upon being honorably discharged." Supervisor Molina did not accept Supervisor Antonovich's amendment.

Supervisor Molina's motion, as amended by Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, was duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Yaroslavsky, Knabe and Burke; Noes: None; Abstentions: Supervisor Antonovich.

Later in the meeting, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board reconsidered the foregoing motion to allow Supervisor Antonovich an opportunity to recast his vote.

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On motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in support of S. 789 (Boxer-Nelson), legislation which would expedite the naturalization services for the legal immigrants serving in the United States military;
2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to send a five-signature letter to President Bush and the Secretary of Homeland Security requesting them to expedite the naturalization services for permanent United States residents serving in the military who will be honorably discharged; and
3. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation in support of H. R. 1814, the Naturalization and Family Protection for Military Members Act of 2003.

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